

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Morrow for indicating that all of the claims in this application would allowable if certain of the claims are amended to address minor issues concerning the original claim wording. By way of this Amendment, Claims 4, 5 and 6 have been amended to adopt the Examiner's helpful suggestions set forth in the middle of page two of the Official Action. In addition, Claims 1, 5 and 7 have been amended to address the issues raised at the top of page three of the Official Action.

Also, several other minor changes have been incorporated into various claims for purposes of improving the wording and readability of the claims. None of the changes to claims set forth in this Amendment narrow the claim scope.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the claim rejections based on the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and withdrawal of the claim objections are respectfully requested.

The specification has also been amended to correct minor idiomatic and grammatical errors. No new matter has been introduced.

As a final point, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 9, 2005. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information contained in that Information Disclosure Statement.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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